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LARSON STATEMENT ON DODD RETIREMENT

Praises distinguished service to CT and the nation

Washington, DC – Congressman John B. Larson (CT-01) released the following statement on Senator Chris Dodd's (D-CT) decision not to run for re-election.

"First of all, I respect Senator Chris Dodd's decision and the comfort it brings to him and his family. I would like to commend Senator Dodd for a lifetime of public service to the state of Connecticut and our nation. He has spent the last 30 years representing the people of Connecticut, and has consistently done tough work with style and grace. I believe we may not truly appreciate what an asset Senator Dodd has been for years to come, but we are all better off because of his service to his country, and the kind of person he is. He is a rare breed of politician in Washington who develops relationships across the aisle built on trust and mutual respect.

"Senator Dodd has demonstrated that even during difficult times he is willing to roll up his sleeves and work hard on behalf of the American people. He leaves behind a long list of historic legislative accomplishments that have changed this nation.

"While today is a sad day for me, personally, and a great loss for the state of

Connecticut, I am happy for Chris, Jackie, Christina, Grace and the entire Dodd family. Most importantly, we pause today to thank Senator Dodd for a job well done."

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